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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) A packaged consumer product according to claim 1, wherein the moulded plastic sheath is closely fitted to the bottle or jar and holds it firmly by frictional interactions between the outside surface of the bottle or jar and the inside surface of the sheath.

6. (Amended) A packaged consumer product according to claim 1, wherein the moulded plastic sheath is of asymmetric shape when viewed from at least one side.

7. (Amended) A packaged consumer product according to claim 1, wherein the moulded plastic sheath extends to the full length of the associated bottle or jar.

8. (Amended) A packaged consumer product according to claim 1, wherein the cutaway sections in opposite sides of the sheath extend to the bottom of the sheath.

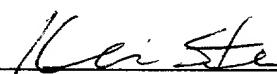
11. (Amended) A method of manufacture of a packaged consumer product according to claim 1, comprising suitably orientating the bottle/jar and the pre-formed sheath relative to each other and then inserting the bottle/jar into the sheath through the opening at the bottom of the sheath, until the bottle/jar and the sheath are releasably engaged.

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependencies and to correct minor typographical errors. The amendments were not intended to and should not be construed to have been made for any reasons related to patentability of the claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

3. (Amended) A packaged consumer product according to claim 1 or ~~claim 2~~, wherein the moulded plastic sheath is closely fitted to the bottle or jar and holds it firmly by frictional interactions between the outside surface of the bottle or jar and the inside surface of the sheath.

6. (Amended) A packaged consumer product according to claim 1 or ~~claim 4~~, wherein the moulded plastic sheath is of asymmetric shape when viewed from at least one side.

7. (Amended) A packaged consumer product according to claim 1 or ~~claim 4~~, wherein the moulded plastic sheath extends to the full length of the associated bottle or jar.

8. (Amended) A packaged consumer product according to claim 1 or ~~claim 4~~, wherein the cutaway sections in opposite sides of the sheath extend to the bottom of the sheath.

11. (Amended) A method of manufacture of a packaged consumer product according to any of claims 1 to 8 or ~~claim 1~~, comprising suitably orientating the bottle/jar and the pre-formed sheath relative to each other and then inserting the bottle/jar into the sheath through the opening at the bottom of the sheath, until the bottle/jar and the sheath are releasably engaged.